

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 60 (Cancelled)

Claim 61 (new): An improved clip for radiographic analysis, the clip extending along an axis between a first end and a second end and consisting essentially of:

a first arc segment having a first end located at the first end of the clip and a second end located at the second end of the clip;

a second arc segment having a first end located at the first end of the clip and a second end located at the second end of the clip; and

an apex disposed along the clip axis defining where the first and second arc segments converge,

wherein when the clip is in a relaxed state:

the first ends of the first and second arc segments projects in a direction along the clip axis opposite to that of the second ends of the first and second arc segments,

the first ends of the first and second arc segments projects in a direction away from the second ends of the first and second arc segments with respect to the clip axis, and

the first ends and the second ends of the first and second arc segments are adapted to engage tissue upon movement of the clip along the clip axis.

Claim 62 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the first and second arc segments include a substantially continuous radius.

Claim 63 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the first and second arcuate portions are formed of a single wire.

Claim 64 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the first and second arcuate portions are formed of separate wires.

Claim 65 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the first and second arc segments form two sinusoidal shapes.

Claim 66 (new): The clip of claim 65, wherein the sinusoidal shapes are continuous.

Claim 67 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the first and second ends of the first and second arcuate wire segments include a barb for further engaging tissue during movement of the clip along the clip axis.

Claim 68 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the clip has a largest diameter of less than about 5 mm.

Claim 69 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the clip is symmetrical about the clip axis.

Claim 70 (new): The clip of claim 69, wherein the clip is also symmetrical about an axis located at the clip apex and which is perpendicular to the clip axis.

Claim 71 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the clip is formed of memory shaped wire.

Claim 72 (new): The clip of claim 71, wherein the clip comprises a material selected from a surgical stainless steel, titanium, a nickel containing metal, or a bio-compatible polymer.

Claim 73 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the clip further includes a coating.

Claim 74 (new): The clip of claim 73, wherein the coating comprises a pharmaceutical agent.

Claim 75 (new): The clip of claim 73, wherein the coating comprises a low friction material.

Claim 76 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the first and second arcuate wire segments are coplanar with respect to one another.

Claim 77 (new): The clip of claim 61, wherein the clip is compressible to be inserted into a tube of a delivery devise, and upon deployment form the delivery device into a body the stored energy occasioned by intrinsic elasticity of the clip causes the first and second arcuate wire segments to unfold upon itself such that the first and second arcuate segments return to their relaxed and engage tissue without additional user-applied energy.

Claim 78 (new): The clip of claim 77, wherein during unfolding the first ends of the first and second arcuate wire segments unfolds at least 45° with respect to the apex.

Claim 79 (new): The clip of claim 77, wherein during unfolding the first ends of the first and second arcuate wire segments unfolds at least 60° with respect to the apex.

Claim 80 (new): An improved clip for radiographic analysis, the clip extending along an axis between a first end and a second end and consisting essentially of:

a first wire segment having a first portion and a second portion, the first and second portions including first ends being joined at a first apex and second ends extending to the first end of the clip,

a second wire segment having a first portion and a second portion, the first and second portions including first ends being joined at a second apex and second ends extending to the second end of the clip,

a common intermediate segment disposed along the clip axis joining the first and second apex,

wherein when the clip is in a relaxed state:

the second ends of the first wire segment projects in a direction along the clip axis opposite to that of the second ends of the second wire segments,

the second ends of the first wire segment projects in a direction away from the second ends of the first wire segments, with respect to the clip axis, and

the second ends of the first wire segments engages tissue upon movement of the clip in the direction of the first wire segments and the

second ends of the second wire segments are adapted to engage tissue upon movement of the clip in the direction of the second wire segments.